

Topic: Continuing Education
Sponsor: Senator McManus
Co-Sponsors: Senators Switalski, Jelinek, Goschka,
Johnson, Kuipers, Bishop and Birkholz
Committee: Senate Economic Development, Small
Business and Regulatory Reform
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The bill creates the On-line Continuing Education Act. The new act would require an occupational regulatory agency to permit at least ½ of the required credit hours of continuing education or continuing professional competency to be earned through an on-line or electronic media. Exceptions are made for requirements in specific statutes and rules promulgated before the effective date of the new requirement. Also, an agency is not required to comply if it is not practicable to do so. However, if the agency does not comply it is required to notify the appropriate legislative committee. The bill permits an agency to promulgate or amend rules to implement the act and takes effect July 1, 2007.